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SUBJECT:SEMINAR ON ENHANCED STORAGE OF SPENT FUEL

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1. NRC HAS DEVELOPED PLANS FOR 2-3 DAY SEMINAR TO BE OFFERED TO REPRESENTATIVES OF REGULATORY AND SAFETY AGENCIES OF COUNTRIES INTERESTED IN ENHANCING THE CAPACITY OF REACTOR SPENT FUEL POOLS. MISSION IS REQUESTED TO ASCERTAIN INTEREST OF AGENCY IN SPONSORING SUCH A SEMINAR TO BE HOSTED BY NRC IN BETHESDASOMETIME BETWEEN SEPT 15 AND NOV15. NRC WOULD PROVIDE LECTURERS, MEETING ROOM AND HANDOUT MATERIALS. INVITED PARTICIPANTS WOULD BE EXPECTED TO BEAR OWN TRAVEL AND LIVING EXPENSES, EXCEPT PERHAPS IN THOSE CASES WHERE AGENCY MAY BE ABLE TO PICK UP COSTS FOR LDC'S HAVING NEED TO ATTEND. COUNTRIES MOST LIKELY TO BENEFIT
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FROM SEMINAR WOULD BE THOSE CURRENTLY ACCUMULATING SPENT FUEL IN SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNTS.

2. PURPOSE OF SEMINAR WOULD BE TO FOSTER INTEREST BY FOREIGN REGULATORY AUTHORITIES IN ENHANCEMENT OF STORAGE CAPACITY AND TO INCREASE CONFIDENCE IN THEIR ABILITY TO REVIEW THE SAFETY OF PROPOSED ENHANCEMENT SCHEMES. THE

SEMINAR WOULD INCLUDE ORIENTATION ON NRC EXPERIENCE, PLANS AND EVOLVING STANDARDS FOR SAFETY EVALUATION OF ENHANCED

STORAGE FACILITIES. ERDA PRESENTATION ON SPENT UNREPROCESSED FUEL (SURF) AND ON IRRADIATED FUEL STORAGE STUDIES WOULD ALSO BE INCLUDED, AS WOULD AN OPPORTUNITY FOR INVITED PARTICIPANTS TO DESCRIBE THEIR RESPECTIVE ACTIVITIES TO MEET SPENT FUEL STORAGE REQUIREMENTS. A POSSIBLE VISIT EITHER TO A VENDOR WITH EXPERIENCE IN ENHANCED SPENT FUEL STORAGE OR TO A REACTOR SITE WHERE STORAGE ENHANCEMENT IS IN PROGRESS MAY ALSO BE INCLUDED.

3. NRC WOULD LIKE AN EARLY INDICATION OF AGENCY'S INTEREST IN SPONSORSHIP OF THE SEMINAR, AND DATES AND ARRANGEMENTS AGENCY WOULD PROPOSE. CHRISTOPHER

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